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KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

11652: NA (DECONTROL JULY 1, 1974)

TAGS: PFOR, TC, US

SUBJ: UAE TO OPEN EMBASSY SOON IN WASHINGTON

REF: GRIFFIN LETTER TO LUMSDEN NEA/ARP DTD NOV 27, 1973.

1. AT INITIAL MEETING WITH MINSTATE FOR FORAFFAIRS SAIF GHUBASH SINCE HIS RETURN FROM US, WE DISCUSSED PLANNING AND TIMING FOR OPENING OF UAE EMB IN WASH. GHUBASH SAID THAT WHEN HE WAS IN WASH RECENTLY, HE FINALIZED ARRANGEMENTS FOR DECORATING AND FURNISHING OF EMB BUILDING. ALTHOUGH HE STRESSED NO FINAL DECISION TAKEN BY UAEG, HE FELT IT ALMOST CERTAIN EMB WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS TO BE HEADED BY YOUNG SECOND SEC NOW ASSIGNED UAE UN MISSION.

2. IN VIEW DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING PROPERLY TRAINED, EXPERIENCED AND POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE AMB FOR IMPORTANT  
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WASH POST, AND CONSIDERING GROWING NEED FOR UAE DIPLOMATIC

REPRESENTATION IN US, FORMIN SUWAIDI AND MEMBERS UAEG  
RECOGNIZE ADVANTAGE OF OPENING POST NOW AT CHARGE LEVEL  
WHICH CAN BE EXPANDED AND UPGRADED LATER AS NEEDS  
REQUIRE AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES PERMIT.

3. OFFICER LIKELY TO BE SELECTED AS CHARGE IS HAMAD MIDFA  
FROM WELL-KNOWN SHARJAH-DUBAI FAMILY. MIDFA, WHO IN MID  
TWENTIES, ATTENDED KUWAIT UNIVERSITY AND HAS EMERGED AS BRIGHTEST  
AND MOST CAPABLE JUNIOR OFFICER ON STAFF PERMDEL HUMEIDAN.  
GHUBASH SEEMED MOST IMPRESSED WITH MIDFA'S BALANCED JUDGEMENT,  
INITIATIVE, MATURITY AND OVERALL WORK RECORD IN NEW YORK. HE ALSO  
LAUDATORY ABOUT MIDFA'S KUWAITI-BORN WIFE, WHO ON HER OWN TIME HAS  
PURSUED MASTERS DEGREE AT ONE OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITIES. GHUBASH  
SAID THAT INITIALLY MIDFA WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO WASH TO COMPLETE MYRIAD

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS CONNECTION OPENING OF DIPL MISSION. I  
OFFERED MY SYMPATHIES TO THE YOUNG MAN. LATER MIDFA WOULD PROBABLY  
BE JOINED BY MORE JUNIOR OFFICER. GHUBASH PROMISED TO KEEP  
EMB INFORMED AS TO TIMING OF EMB OPENING.  
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GRIFFIN

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